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## THE POSTAL REPORT.

The report of the Postmaster General is a very interesting document, as showing, by the increase of the business of the department, a corresponding increase in the mental condition of the people. It seems from the report that there is a deficit of some \$2,000,000, or that the Department falls by that amount to be self-supporting. The extension of the postal system over the Southern States, where the cost of carrying the mails greatly exceeds the revenues received from the comparatively sparse population, is assigned as the cause of a large increase of expenditures over receipts.

The increase of revenue for the year as compared with the previous year is 9.37 per cent, while the increase in expenditures was 9.29 per cent. Mr. Creswell estimates that the postal matter sent out during the year under the terms of members of Congress, if paid for at the ordinary rates, would have yielded a revenue of three and a half million dollars, or a sum large enough to have made the Department self-supporting. He observes, in addition, that "great inconvenience was experienced from derangement and delays in the regular and prompt transmission of the mails, caused by the immense amount of free matter thrown suddenly, and without notice or system, upon the postal routes of the country."

The increase in the business of the Department for the year, as shown by the issue of postage stamps, newspaper carriers, and so on, is worthy of note. The increase in postage stamps amounts to more than twelve hundred thousand dollars' worth; in stamps envelops to two hundred and thirty thousand dollars' worth; and in newspaper wrappers to forty-two thousand dollars' worth. The increase during the year in length of routes was thirteen thousand miles, of which eight thousand miles were in transportation of mails by rail-road. The average cost of carriage by rail was about ten cents per mile and by other means of transportation about eleven cents per mile.

Some curious figures are given as to the cost of mail bags, locks and keys. The total number of new bags put into use during the year was 77,650, costing nearly one hundred thousand dollars. Five thousand locks were procured at a cost of twenty-eight hundred dollars, and four thousand keys at a cost of eight hundred dollars. The cost of repairing maillocks amounted to twelve hundred dollars. The total number of persons employed by the department is 44,656, being an increase of 701 over last year. If the telegraphs of the country be put under control of the department, as is now being agitated, the force would be increased to more than 100,000. Of this force the letter carriers, numbering about 1,400 and the aggregate of whose salaries does not exceed \$32,000, perform a very important work. During the year they delivered nearly fourteen and a half million local letters, and about four million of newspapers. They also collected two million of letters.

The figures of the Dead-Letter Office and of the Money-Order Office are very interesting; the total number of letters received at the former office being four and a quarter million, and the number of domestic money orders alone sent during the year amounting to forty-eight and a half millions. Of the dead letters, more than forty-five hundred and no address whatever. Mr. Creswell strongly supports the scheme of putting the telegraphs of the country under the control of the department. If at all practicable we should be glad to see accomplished. We hope, however, that it will receive the careful attention of Congress before definite action is taken upon it.

FERDINAND'S French Cleansing Powder cures the Herpes Disease. Get it at W. L. Miller & Co's., Findlay, O.

The New York Tribune of last Thursday says:

"President Grant did a graceful thing last night in declining to attend a reception—given in honor of his best friend—the mountain rite of the day. After the funeral procession he took the evening train back to Washington."

We rejoice to record this confession of a disinterested motive on the part of the President by one of the journals which was most bitter in assailing him during the recent campaign. Those journals who represented to his readers as lacking the ordinary sensibilities of humanity, and as caring more for "shell puppets" than the conventions of life, will please make a note of this, and if a single truth among the torrent of falsehoods, which they have heaped upon the President, will not injure their reputation, we hope to see them give it a place in their columns.

HUBBARD'S—the best place in town to buy your Christmas presents.

SPRAKER'S has shown his desecration that he knows how to deal with men and newspapers who, through party malice, assail him. He has not so far as the organization of the House to call Mr. S. Cox to the chair and ask for a Committee of five to investigate the *Crédit Mobilier* case. He also informed the House that he had requested Mr. Cox to appoint a majority of Democrats on the Committee, which is an indication that he is not seeking a "white-washing" committee. Mr. S. is the Democratic investigator.

There is a rumor current in New York that the Harpers intend to buy the Tribune for one million dollars, and place Geo. William Curtis in charge of it.

## SENATE COMMITTEES.

The following are the Committees as organized in the United States Senate:

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Privileges and Elections—Morton, chairman; Carpenter, Logan, Allen, Hill, Anthony and Trumbull.  
On Foreign Relations—Cameron, chairman; Harlan, Morton, Sherman, Hamlin, Howe and Schurz.  
On Finance—Sherman, chairman; Morrill, of Vermont, Scott, Ames, Wright, Ferry of Michigan, and Bayard.

On Appropriations—Coles, chairman; Sprague, Sawyer, Morrill of Maine, Windom, West and Stevenson.  
On Commerce—Chandler, chairman; Corbett, Spencer, Buckingham, Conkling and Vickers.

On Manufactures—Robertson, chairman; Sprague, Gilbert, Johnson and Fenton.  
On Agriculture—Frelinghuysen, chairman; Robertson, Lewis, Davis of West Virginia, and Machin.

On Military Affairs—Wilson, chairman; Logan, Cameron, Morton, Ames, West and Blair.  
On Naval Affairs—Cragin, chairman; Anthony, Nye, Olcott, Alcorn, Morrill of Maine, and Stockton.

On Judiciary—Edmonds, chairman; Conkling, Harpster, Frelinghuysen, Cragin, Wright and Thurman.  
On Post Offices and Post Roads—Ramsay, chairman; Pomeroy, Cole, Morrill of Vermont, Michigan, Flanagan and Kelley.

On Public Lands—Pomeroy, chairman; Osborn, Sprague, Windom, Cragin and Fenton.  
On Private Land Claims—Thurman, chairman; Ferry of Connecticut, Caldwell, Bayard and Newcomb.

On Indian Affairs—Harlan, chairman; Corbett, Buckingham, Frelinghuysen, Caldwell, Stevenson and Rice.  
On Territories—Cameron, chairman; Brownlow, Logan, Ferry of Connecticut, Hill, Salisbury and Hamilton of Texas.

On Revolutionary Claims—Pool, chairman; Brownlow, Corbett, Hill and Norwood.  
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On the District of Columbia—Paterson, chairman; Lewis, Spencer, Sawyer, Hitchcock, Ferry of Michigan and Vickers.  
On Patents—Ferry of Connecticut, Carpenter, Windom, Hamlin of Maryland, and Ransom.

On Public Buildings and Grounds—Morrill of Vermont, chairman; Gilbert, Cameron, Stockton and Hamilton of Maryland.  
On Territories—Nye, chairman; O'Brien, Boreman, Hitchcock, Clayton, Cooper and Fenton.

On Pacific Railroads—Stewart, chairman; Ramsey, Harlan, Scott, Kellogg, Hitchcock, Ferry of Michigan, Cragin, Corbett, Rice and Cooper.  
On Mines and Mining—Hamlin, chairman; Chandler, Flanagan, Caldwell, Alcorn, Kelly and Goldwater.

On the Revenue—Conkling, chairman; Carpenter, Stewart, Edmonds and Goldwater.  
On Enrolled Bills—Windom, chairman; Lewis and Kelly.

On Education and Labor—Sawyer, chairman; Morrill of Vermont, Flanagan, Patterson and Johnson.  
On Investigation and Retrenchment—Buckingham, chairman; Pratt, Howe, Harlan, Stewart, Bayard and Trumbull.

To audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate—Carpenter, chairman; Harlan, Morton and Salisbury.  
On Fringing—Anthony, chairman; Howe and Cassery.

On the Library—Morrill of Maine, chairman; Howe and Sherman.  
On Engrossed Bills—Cassery, chairman; Clayton and Cooper.

## SELECT COMMITTEES.

On the Revision of Rules—Pomeroy, chairman; Edmunds and Stevenson.  
On the Removal of Political Disabilities—Boreman, chairman; Ames, Harlan, Lewis, Vickers, Ransom and Tipton.

On the Levees of the Mississippi River—Kellogg, chairman; Alcorn, Clayton, Blair and Rice.  
To inquire into certain allegations against Hon. Powell Clayton—Wright, chairman; Morrill of Maine, and Norwood.

On the Alleged Outrages in the Southern States—Scott, chairman; Harlan, Bayard, Pool, Pratt, Spencer and Blair.

## CONGRESS.

Dec. 5.—In the Senate, to-day, a bill was introduced for a Postoffice and Court House at Grand Rapids, Mich. Mr. Sumner declared service on any committee, and Mr. Morrill called up the bill for the endowment of national colleges, the consideration of which was postponed for one week.

In the House, bills were introduced to incorporate a banking association, with \$100,000,000 capital, to be known as the Government and Man of the Exchequer of the United States; (passed); to allow an annual pension of \$2,000 to the widow of Gen. Meade. The bill providing for the ten slopes of the general discussed at length and passed, so amended that half of the vessels shall be built in private yards; that plans and estimates be submitted to Congress, and appropriations made before the work is commenced, and that the number be reduced from ten to six.

Dec. 6.—In the Senate the Standing Committee were re-elected. A bill was introduced to adjust claims under the Geneva award, which authorizes the appointment of three commissioners, at an annual salary of forty-five hundred dollars, and a Secretary, at a salary of three thousand dollars, to hear and decide all claims for losses by acts of rebel cruelties, to escape the Geneva Tribunal, and to hear and decide all claims for losses by acts of rebel cruelties, to escape the Geneva Tribunal, and to hear and decide all claims for losses by acts of rebel cruelties, to escape the Geneva Tribunal.

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